

WHEREAS, apprenticeship training provides the citizens of this state with highly trained workers who will help Washington to compete more effectively in the future global economy; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship is a proven training strategy with related classroom instruction which allows the apprentice to be paid for learning job skills which are in high demand in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council, the Department of Labor and Industries Apprenticeship Section, the Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship Training, Employer, Labor Services, the apprenticeship community, and leaders from business, labor, education, community-based organizations, and government leaders have joined hands to promote and expand apprenticeship; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for Washington to recognize these efforts on behalf of apprenticeship training and those who actively seek a better future through apprenticeship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Locke, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 2000 as

Registered Apprenticeship Awareness Month

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

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Signed this 11th day of October, 2000

Governor Gary Locke